

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS  
SUBJECT: FRG DRAFT LETTER TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON  
ON SEABED MINING

1. IN THEIR EC PRESIDENCY ROLE, THE FRG IS PREPARING  
A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE EC NINE WITH REACTIONS TO THE  
LAST LOS GENEVA MEETING AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO  
PROCEED IN UPCOMING LOS DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. LETTER  
WILL BE SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR WOLFF ON BEHALF OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND SENT NEXT WEEK.

2. MAIN POINTS IN THE LETTER, WHICH IS STILL IN DRAFT  
FORM UNTIL ALL COMMENTS FROM OTHER EC COUNTRIES ARE  
RECEIVED, EXPRESS EC DISSATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME  
OF THE LAST LOS MEETING IN GENEVA ON SEABED MINING  
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QUESTION AND IRRITATION WITH PERCEIVED U.S. TACTIC  
OF MOVING AWAY FROM NEGOTIATION ON ICNT TEXT. EC WAS  
PARTICULARLY MIFFED BY US-CANADIAN AGREEMENT ON  
PRODUCTION CEILING FOR NICKEL. FINAL PARAGRAPH OF  
LETTER CALLS FOR CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN US AND EC  
PRIOR TO AND DURING NEXT LOS MEETING IN NEW YORK.  
FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE TOLD US THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD

BE INTERPRETED IN CONTEXT OF EC SURPRISE AND  
DISAPPOINTMENT AT UNEXPECTED US-CANADIAN AGREEMENT.

3. WHILE FRG AND OTHERS IN EC BELIEVE THAT MUCH OF  
ICNT IS UNSATISFACTORY, THEY ALSO BELIEVE NEGOTIATIONS  
SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THAT TEXT RATHER  
THAN SHIFTING AWAY FROM IT. THEY FEEL THAT ANY  
MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE ICNT COULD GIVE THE G-77  
THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES  
MIGHT BE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR "COSMETIC CHANGES", AND  
THIS WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE CASE. THE FRG, FOR ONE,  
CONTINUES TO BE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS  
ON MOST MAJOR SEABED MINING ISSUES, INCLUDING:  
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, THE PRODUCTION ARRANGEMENT, REVIEW  
CONFERENCE, ORGANIZATION OF THE SEABED AUTHORITY,  
VOTING, ETC.

4. WHILE THE GERMANS BELIEVE THAT U.S. AND FRG  
OBJECTIVES ON CONTENTS OF A SATISFACTORY SEABED MINING  
REGIME ARE LARGELY IDENTICAL, THEY HAVE BEEN LESS  
OPTIMISTIC THAT MUCH--APART FROM ATMOSPHERIC IMPROVEMENT  
--WAS ACHIEVED AT GENEVA AND ARE SOMEWHAT WARY OF WHAT  
THEY PERCEIVE U.S. TACTICS TO BE.

5. IN VIEW OF THE DISPARITY OF VIEWS INDICATED BY THE  
DRAFT LETTER, THE LOS TEAM MIGHT CONSIDER SCHEDULING  
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FURTHER BI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRG, AND WITH  
OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE, SIMILAR TO THE TALKS HELD IN  
BONN LAST YEAR TO HELP CLARIFY THE SITUATION.  
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